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1. THE MINISTRY OF MINING AND POWER HAS GIVEN APPROVAL TO THE GOUSE DELEGATION VISIT TO POLAND IN JANUARY 1976 ON THE BASIS OF DETAILS PROVIDED REFTEL B. THE MINISTRY WILL SEND A FORMAL LETTER OF INVITATION TO ERDA. THE MINISTRY WOULD PREFER THE DELEGATION ARRIVE TOWARDS THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH, RATHER THAN EARLIER TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TIME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATIVE PROPOSALS. PLEASE PROVIDE ASAP SPECIFIC DATES ERDA PROPOSES FOR DELEGATION VISIT.

2. RE THE COAL LIQUIFICATION PILOT PLANT PROJECT, THE MINISTRY NOTES THAT THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE THEMES THAT COULD BE DEVELOPED. TRANSMITTING TO ERDA DETAILED TECHNICAL COMMENTS ON ALL THEMES IN ADVANCE OF THE DELEGATION VISIT WOULD RESULT IN MUCH WASTED EFFORT AND PROBABLY NOT BE FEASIBLE WITHIN THE TIME ALLOWED. THE MINISTRY THEREFORE PROPOSES TO DEVELOP A "SHOPPING LIST" WHICH SHOULD BE READY FOR TRANSMISSION TO ERDA EARLY NEXT WEEK. ON THE BASIS OF ERDA'S SELECTION FROM THIS LIST, THE MINISTRY WILL MAKE BEST EFFORTS TO TRANSMIT DETAILED TECHNICAL COMMENTS VIA THE EMBASSY BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

3. THE MINISTRY ALSO POINTS OUT THAT TWO OF THE THREE CO-
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OPERATIVE RESEARCH PROPOSALS FORWARDED TO ERDA VIA REFERENCED

AIRGRAM RELATES TO COAL LIQUIFACTION, I.E., CATALYST FOR HYDROGENATION PROCESSES AND OPERATION OF SOLIDS FROM POST REACTION MIXTURES. THEY REQUEST THAT THESE BE REVIEWED IN WASHINGTON FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN THE OVERALL COAL LIQUIFACTION PILOT PLANT PROJECT.

4. REGARDING THE MHD PROJECT, MINISTRY OF JOINT COOPERATION OFFICER KAHANEK RECALLED THAT DURING MARCH 1975, MEETING IN WASHINGTON, ERDA EXPRESSED EQUAL INTEREST IN CLEAN GAS PRODUCTION AND IN COOPERATION ON THE MHD GENERATOR ITSELF, SUCH AS TESTING OF COATINGS FOR ELECTRODES. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION ASAP FROM ERDA THAT ONLY THE CLEAN GAS PRODUCTION IS STILL OF COOPERATIVE INTEREST ON THE MHD PROJECT. THE MINISTRY PROMISES TO MAKE BEST EFFORTS TO PROVIDE ERDA DETAILED COMMENTS WITHIN MONTH ONCE CONFIRMATION IS RECEIVED.

5. THE MINISTRY NOTES THAT 35 MILLION ZLOTIES WERE DEPOSITED FOR ENERGY RESEARCH IN THE US/POLISH JOINT FUND. WHILE THE MINISTRY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE ERDA CONTRIBUTION WILL BE LIMITED TO THE PILOT PLANT AND MHD COOPERATION, THEY EXPRESSED A DESIRE FOR THE GOUSE DELEGATION TO REVIEW OTHER PROJECTS DURING THE VISIT THAT WOULD BE FUNDED TOTALLY BY THE POLISH SIDE. THE MINISTRY INDICATES THESE PROJECTS WOULD BE IN THE AREA OF COAL CONVERSION FOR WHICH THE MINISTRY BELIVES ERDA WOULD BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE U.S. MONITORING AGENCY. PLEASE ADVISE IF DELEGATION WISHES TO REVIEW SUCH PROJECTS DURING VISIT.

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